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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/458,354
Filing Date	12/09/1999
First Named Inventor	Stephen G. Schaible
Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Jeremy Thissell
Attorney Docket Number	ACSC 60419 (1335P)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. ☐ Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

- ii. ☐ Other

- b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iv. ☐ Other

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2. ☐ Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. ☐ Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-2425

- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. ☐ Other

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001	2001	770	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	2002	340	170	Design filing fee	
1003	2003	530	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	2004	770	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	160	80	Provisional filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims -20** = 0	X	0.00
Independent Claims -3** = 0	X	0.00
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1202	2202	18	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	2201	86	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	2203	290	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	2204	86	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	2205	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					
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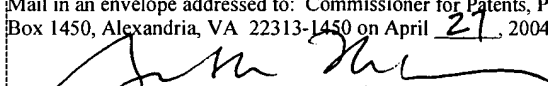
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of March 24, 2004, the response for which is due June 24, 2004. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

Claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 7.